

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-039-W/S - ORDER NO. 97-136

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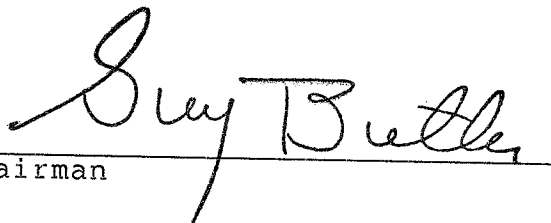
IN RE: Application of Melrose Utility, Inc. for)	ORDER
Approval of an Extension of its Service)	GRANTING
Area to Include Service to the Daufuskie)	EXTENSION
Island Fire District Facility.)	AND WAIVING
)	HEARING

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Application of Melrose Utility, Inc. (Melrose or the Company) for approval of an extension of its service area to include service to the Daufuskie Island Fire District Facility. In addition, the Company requests waiver of hearing and approval of the extension.

We note the matter is governed by Regulations 103-504 and 103-704. The Applicant, however, asks for a waiver of the required hearing. We believe that this matter meets the criteria for a waiver, in that a waiver of a hearing in the matter is in the public interest, due to the fact that there will be no impact on the Company's customer base. We therefore grant the requested extension and the waiver of the hearing at this time.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until
further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)